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Ron: For the hearing record.....

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"We only conserve what we understand....." Aldo Leopold

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From: Coralie Pryde [mailto:prydeca@voicenet.com]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2006 3:09 PM
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Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Thank you for your work in preparing maps to show proposed natural areas in Delaware. I believe that it is vital to make a maximum effort to save such areas before it is too late.

If I have read the maps correctly (I wasn't able to access the interactive GIS maps), it seems to me that most of the proposed natural areas in southern Delaware, except for the coastal park areas, are extremely small and isolated. From my understanding, such preserved areas would be more useful in protecting native plant and animal populations if they were, if possible, enlarged and interconnected. With this in mind, would it be possible to designate some adjacent lands as resource areas, even if these adjacent lands do not contain the same high level of natural and historical resources as the properties now suggested? It is essentially too late to do this in northern NCC, but it seems like it might be possible in at least parts of Kent and Sussex Counties.

I will not be able to attend the meeting tonight. I would appreciate your placing my comments into the formal record. Thank you.

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